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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gerhard HOPPEN
Title: DUV-CAPABLE MICROSCOPE
OBJECTIVE WITH PARFOCAL IR FOCUS
Appl. No.: 09/598,406
Appl. Filing Date: 06/21/2000
Examiner: Audrey Chang
Art Unit: 2872

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER
INTERVIEW REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a formal interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of any first office action in the RCE application being filed under separate cover. Applicant would like to discuss the Examiner's previous enablement rejection and the Rule 132 Declaration filed with the RCE.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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